

Message map, “Draft Report of Independent Review of Northwest Portland ESCO Corporation Alternative Analysis” by Jim Karas

What is this report?	Who is Jim Karas?	Will DEQ require ESCO to do the things recommended in this report?	Everyone knows there are significant health risks to those folks living around ESCO—why is DEQ not doing more?	
DEQ hired Jim Karas to do an independent review of potential improvements the ESCO foundry can make to its emissions controls to reduce emissions.	Jim Karas and his associate Fred Tanaka are air quality engineering consultants who also work for the San Francisco Bay Area Air Quality Management District.	DEQ, neighborhood representatives and ESCO will negotiate a supportable agreement about emission control improvements.	DEQ agrees that ESCO should make emissions control improvements, and is committed to completing the negotiations before drafting ESCO’s Title V permit renewal.	
As part of this review, Karas examined the ESCO’s analysis of ways to reduce emissions at its facility.	Neighborhood representatives identified Karas as someone who could provide an independent and unbiased review of ESCO’s emissions controls.	DEQ will put negotiated emission control improvements into ESCO’s Title V air quality permit which will require ESCO to implement them.	DEQ also is proceeding with the Portland Air Toxics Solutions project, which may result in recommendations to further reduce emissions from ESCO.	
This report, along with ESCO’s earlier report, will form the basis for negotiations about what emission control improvements and other actions ESCO will do.		DEQ will not make decisions about the improvements alone.		